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President: Mr. PÉREZ GUERRERO (Venezuela).

AGENDA ITEM 25

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (E/4546, E/4547, E/4557 and Corr.1) (*continued*)

1. Mr. TARABANOV (Bulgaria) said that some of the specialized agencies had taken successful measures to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the question under consideration; others had made sincere efforts to do so but had encountered certain difficulties; while a third category had decided that implementation of the resolutions was incompatible with their statutes. Some way had to be found of ensuring that all the specialized agencies were able to assist the national liberation movements in the countries under colonial rule.

2. He recalled the Libyan representative's suggestion (1555th meeting) that the specialized agencies might

provide aid to refugees and resistance movements and train refugees who would help liberation movements on their return to their countries. Those agencies unable to take such active measures could help by refraining from granting assistance to countries which, like Portugal and South Africa, were pursuing policies in direct opposition to the United Nations Charter. Some specialized agencies had claimed that they could not deal with individuals but only with Governments; a way must be found for them to help the people struggling for freedom in the colonial countries.

3. In view of the incomplete information so far made available to the Council, he felt that a decision on the item should be postponed until the Council's resumed session.

4. Mr. DIALLO (Upper Volta) agreed with that view. In the further consultations to be held with the Chairman of the General Assembly Special Committee on the matter, the President of the Council should take into account the views of members and the statements made by representatives of the specialized agencies. He endorsed the suggestion made by the Sierra Leone and Philippine representatives at the previous meeting that the specialized agencies should supply the Council with information concerning the sections of their statutes which prevented them from implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions. Member countries of the specialized agencies should do everything in their power to ensure that the agencies gave assistance to the peoples struggling for their liberation from colonial rule.

5. Mr. COX (Sierra Leone) said that, pending a decision on the item at the Council's resumed session, he wished to draw the attention of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned to operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 2311 (XXII) recommending the extension of aid to colonial peoples in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity.

6. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in view of the need to obtain further information, the Council should postpone a decision on agenda item 25 until its resumed session.

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 16

Report on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (E/4451, E/4545; E/L.1232) (*resumed from the 1552nd meeting and concluded*)

7. Mr. DIALLO (Upper Volta), introducing the draft resolution (E/L.1232), said that Argentina, Iran and Mexico had joined the sponsors. Operative paragraph 1 endorsed the UNDP Governing Council's decision to request the Administrator to identify specific projects

which might benefit from investment within the scope of the available resources. Operative paragraph 2 expressed the hope that the Administrator would be able to report to the Governing Council not later than its seventh session, so that the Governing Council would be able to take a decision regarding the beginning of the operations of the United Nations Capital Development Fund. Operative paragraph 3 in effect called upon the richer countries to participate in the forthcoming Pledging Conference and, through the Fund, to supply the developing countries with the resources they needed.

8. He accepted, on behalf of the sponsors, a suggestion by the Turkish representative to delete the words "as soon as possible and in any case" in operative paragraph 2.

At the request of the Soviet representative, a separate vote was taken on each of the three operative paragraphs.

Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted by 17 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The draft resolution (E/L.1232), as a whole and as amended, was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

9. Mr. BENLER (Turkey) said he had voted for the draft resolution because of his Government's interest in the Capital Development Fund, to which Turkey had already made a contribution. His support of the resolution should not be interpreted, however, as a final commitment of the Turkish Government in respect of its future contribution to the Fund. That matter was still under consideration.

10. Mr. ALLEN (United Kingdom) said that the United Kingdom delegation had not participated in the vote on the draft resolution. The United Kingdom had not voted in favour of the General Assembly resolution establishing the Capital Development Fund, and at the meeting of the UNDP Governing Council, the United Kingdom delegation had dissociated itself from the decision referred to in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution.

11. Mr. BLAU (United States of America) said that for the same reasons as those expressed by the United Kingdom delegation, the delegation of the United States of America had not participated in the vote on the draft resolution.

12. Mr. FORTHOMME (Belgium) said that his delegation's attitude to the Capital Development Fund remained unchanged. For the reasons expressed by the United Kingdom representative, the Belgian delegation had not participated in the vote on the draft resolution.

13. Mr. GREGH (France) said that for the reasons expressed by the United Kingdom representative, the French delegation had not participated in the vote on the draft resolution.

14. Mr. ABE (Japan) said that the Japanese delegation had not voted in favour of the General Assembly resolutions referred to in the first preambular paragraph of the draft resolution, and had not participated in the UNDP Governing Council decision referred to in operative paragraph 1. It had therefore not participated in the vote on the draft resolution.

15. Mr. NOLAN (Ireland) said that, in line with the attitude it had adopted on the subject in the General Assembly, Ireland had abstained from voting on the draft resolution.

16. Mr. ASTAFIEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that for many years his Government had supported the idea that the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies should tackle the question of investment activities in developing countries. For that reason it had always supported the establishment of the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (SUNFED). Because the manner of constituting the Capital Development Fund, under the majority decision expressed in General Assembly resolution 2186 (XXI), was unsatisfactory, his delegation had abstained from voting on that resolution and, for the same reasons, it had abstained from voting on the resolution just adopted by the Council.

17. Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) said that his delegation had voted for the draft resolution. Since Argentina was not a member of the UNDP Governing Council, it had wished to endorse the decision mentioned in operative paragraph 1. Argentina hoped that the Capital Development Fund would soon become operational for the benefit of both developing and developed countries.

18. Mr. KADLEC (Czechoslovakia) said that for the reasons stated on previous occasions, the Czechoslovak delegation had abstained from voting on the draft resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 14

Reports of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut (E/L.1224, E/L.1231) (resumed from the 1546th meeting)

19. Mr. KHANACHET (Kuwait), introducing his delegation's draft resolution (E/L.1224), said that its purpose was to bring the Council's procedure with respect to the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, which was fulfilling the functions of a regional economic commission, into line with that adopted with respect to the regional economic commissions. He hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted unanimously.

20. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) suggested that, with a view to saving time and effort, the phrase "the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut" should be replaced, in Council documents and in statements made in the Council, by the phrase "field offices of the Economic and Social Council". If that proposal were adopted, a third operative paragraph expressing the idea should be added to the draft resolution.

21. The PRESIDENT pointed out that whereas the regional economic commissions were subsidiary organs of the Council, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut was a Secretariat office.

22. Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) suggested that it might be rather difficult, at the current stage of the Council's work, to decide on such a matter as changing names or titles customarily used by the Council. The Philippine delegation could, if it so wished, raise the matter as a separate item on the agenda at a later session of the Council. At its current session, the Council should adopt the draft resolution with the title as given.

23. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Philippine delegation might raise the matter at a future session. In the meantime, the Secretariat could seek the advice of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and, if necessary, the United Nations Legal Office, concerning the feasibility of the proposal.

It was so decided.

The draft resolution (E/L.1224) was adopted unanimously.

24. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines), introducing the draft resolution submitted by India, Kuwait, Morocco, the Philippines and Sierra Leone (E/L.1231), said that the sponsors felt that the draft resolution would encourage the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut and UNCTAD to improve their co-operation with each other and thus contribute to a more integrated development of the developing countries. They hoped, therefore, that the draft resolution would receive the Council's support.

25. Prior to the meeting, some delegations had suggested that the words "within the competence of UNCTAD" in the second preambular paragraph might give the impression that the matters referred to in that paragraph came within the exclusive competence of UNCTAD. In order to allay those fears, the sponsors were willing to replace the words in question by "with which UNCTAD is concerned".

26. Other delegations, also prior to the meeting, had drawn the attention of the sponsors to the fact that the report on the second session of UNCTAD had not yet been considered by either the Council or the General Assembly and that, therefore, some amendment should be made to the operative paragraph 2 (b). To meet the wishes of those delegations, the sponsors were prepared to replace it by the following: "To take into account, in pursuing their regional activities or programmes of action, the relevant resolutions or decisions of UNCTAD".

27. The word "Enlarged" should be deleted from operative paragraph 2 (c). With reference to that paragraph, one delegation had suggested that, by asking the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to "report" to the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD, the Council might give the impression that the commissions and Office were subordinate to UNCTAD. The sponsors were not convinced of the validity of that argument. Under General

Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), one of UNCTAD's main functions was to review and facilitate the co-ordination of the trade and development activities of other institutions within the United Nations system. It was difficult to see how it could carry out that mandate if the trade and development activities of other institutions were not brought to its attention. The sponsors felt that the system of reporting obtaining in the United Nations family of organizations was an effective way of ensuring the desired co-operation and co-ordination. They hoped, therefore, that the delegation concerned would take note of their explanation. Finally, some delegations had suggested that the reference to the ACC should be deleted from operative paragraph 2 (c). To meet the wishes of those delegations, the sponsors proposed that the last two lines of that paragraph should be deleted, and that the words "and to the Economic and Social Council through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination" should be added after the word "UNCTAD".

Mr. Tarabanov (Bulgaria), Vice-President, took the Chair.

28. Mr. GREGH (France), observing that the word "these" in operative paragraph 2 (c) presumably referred to the "appropriate measures" mentioned in operative paragraph 2 (b), said that if paragraph 2 (b) were amended along the lines suggested by the representative of the Philippines, some modification would have to be made in paragraph 2 (c).

29. His delegation could accept the amendments suggested by the sponsors to the second paragraph of the preamble and to operative paragraph 2 (b). Operative paragraph 2 (c) raised a constitutional question. In the first place, it should be recalled that all the bodies referred to were responsible to the Secretary-General. Furthermore, the regional economic commissions were subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council, to which they reported. He proposed, therefore, that the paragraph in question should be deleted and replaced by the following: "Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut on the measures taken by them under the present resolution and to submit them at the same time to the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD and to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination." If that proposal were adopted, the text he had read out should become operative paragraph 3.

30. Mr. ABE (Japan) said that although his delegation could in general accept the draft resolution, the text did give rise to one or two difficulties. The Council, for instance, was not yet in a position to assess the results of the second session of UNCTAD. Although it had no objection to the substance of the second preambular paragraph, his delegation therefore felt that for procedural reasons the words "to the work of the second session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and in general" should be deleted. For procedural reasons, too, it felt that the whole of operative paragraph 1 after the words "and in particular their conclusion (para. 35)" should be deleted.

31. His delegation welcomed the sponsors' amendment to operative paragraph 2 (b), the original wording of which had caused it some misgiving. As to operative paragraph 2 (c), the Japanese delegation shared the views expressed by the French representative, whose amendment it could accept.

32. Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) agreed with the Japanese representative that the Council was not yet in a position to assess the results of the second session of UNCTAD. So far as the developing countries were concerned, the objectives of that Conference, which were described in the Charter of Algiers, had not been achieved. The use of the word "fulfilment" in the second preambular paragraph was, therefore, inappropriate. As to operative paragraph 2 (c), his delegation shared the views expressed by the French representative.

33. Mr. ALLEN (United Kingdom) said that, generally speaking, he agreed with the views expressed by the French and Japanese representatives. He sympathized with the purpose of the draft resolution before the Council, but questioned the desirability of continuous reporting on the matter under consideration. In his view, the Council should confine itself to operative paragraph 2 (a), as the establishment of reporting machinery would merely add to its already overburdened agenda and further increase the volume of documentation.

34. Mr. BLAU (United States of America) said that the discussion served to emphasize the difficulties of considering draft resolutions in plenary rather than in the appropriate committee.

35. His delegation sympathized with the purpose of the draft resolution, and agreed that savings and better co-ordination would be achieved to the extent that the regional economic commissions and their secretariats could meet the requirements of all bodies in the United Nations concerned with economic and social matters. For that reason, close links between the regional economic commissions, UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO and other specialized agencies were desirable.

36. His delegation had noted with satisfaction that, at the inter-governmental level as well as at the intra-secretariat level, there had been a minimum of jurisdictional disputes during the past few years, and that those which had arisen had been resolved quickly and easily. For that reason, the draft resolution should not call in question the competence of the various agencies to receive reports.

37. He agreed with the views expressed by the Japanese representative concerning the second preambular paragraph; the Council might well express appreciation of the contributions of the regional economic commissions, although it would be premature to say that the commissions had made an important contribution to the fulfilment of the objectives of the second session of UNCTAD.

38. He also agreed, concerning the text proposed by the representative of France, that the four or five bodies in question were already submitting elaborate reports on their activities and should not therefore be requested to

draw up a separate report on one specific activity. In his view, the points made by the French and United Kingdom representatives could be met by an operative paragraph 2 reading as follows: "Requests the Secretary-General to call to the attention of the Trade and Development Board those portions of the reports of the regional economic commissions and of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut which refer to activities undertaken in pursuance of this resolution".

39. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) said that the sponsors were unable to agree to the deletion, from the second preambular paragraph, of the expression of appreciation of the work of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut. Those bodies had indeed made a valuable contribution, and the fact should be acknowledged in the draft resolution. In any event, the words "within the competence of UNCTAD" had already been replaced by the words "with which UNCTAD is concerned".

40. Referring to the point raised by the French representative, he explained that the word "these" in the operative paragraph 2 (c) referred not to the resolutions and decisions of UNCTAD but to co-operation with UNCTAD on the one hand and regional activities or programmes of action on the other. In other words, the sponsors wanted the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut to report on regional activities of common interest. Since, however, other representatives had adopted a position similar to that of the French delegation, he would suggest that operative paragraph 2 (c) should be replaced by the following, to be inserted as operative paragraph 3: "Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, reports of the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut on the measures taken by them under the present resolution and also to transmit this material to the Trade and Development Board".

41. Mr. ALLEN (United Kingdom) said that the new text proposed by the Philippine representative was a great improvement on the original. His delegation still considered, however, that it was unnecessary to request separate reports on the matter under consideration, and it therefore proposed the insertion of the words "and as part of their regular annual reports" after the words "through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination".

42. Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) said that the sponsors could accept the amendment proposed by the United Kingdom representative.

The draft resolution (E/L.1231), as amended, was adopted unanimously.

43. Mr. BRADLEY (Argentina) said that, as he had indicated previously, his delegation had serious reservations concerning the end of the second preambular paragraph beginning with the words "and in general to the fulfilment of the objectives...". For the reasons he had already given, his delegation considered that the Council

should not have made such a categorical statement at the present time.

Mr. Pérez Guerrero (Venezuela) resumed the Chair.

AGENDA ITEMS 9 AND 10

**Development and utilization of human resources
Outflow of trained personnel from developing countries**

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/4576)

44. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Economic Committee's report on agenda items 9 and 10 (E/4576), to adopt the decision contained in paragraph 13 and to vote on draft resolutions I and II contained in paragraph 14 thereof.

The Council adopted the decision contained in paragraph 13.

I. YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
Draft resolution I was adopted unanimously.

II. PROGRAMMES OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION RELATING TO YOUTH

Draft resolution II was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 27

International Education Year

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/4575)

45. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Economic Committee's report on agenda item 27 (E/4575) and to vote on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 12 thereof.

The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 19

Multilateral food aid

(a) Programme of studies called for in General Assembly resolution 2096 (XX)

(b) Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/4582)

46. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Economic Committee's report on agenda item 19 (E/4582) and to vote on the decision, recommended by the Committee in paragraph 4, to postpone consideration of agenda item 19 until the resumed forty-fifth session.

The decision recommended by the Economic Committee was adopted unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 30

Question of a meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Question of a Declaration on International Economic Co-operation

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (E/4583)

47. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Economic Committee's report on agenda item 30 (E/4583), and to vote on the decision, recommended by the Committee in paragraph 5, to postpone consideration of agenda item 30 until the resumed forty-fifth session.

The decision recommended by the Economic Committee was adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.